

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 7 and 9 are pending and under consideration.

The sole remaining in this application is the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 2 has been cancelled. In Item 3 of the Final Office Action, the remaining claims 7 and 9 are indicated as being allowable.

At least in view of the Examiner's Statement of Allowability, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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